

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Fournier

and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause; and

WHEREAS: It is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that attracts a

high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the "flesh eating bug

or virus"; and

WHEREAS: The most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic,

Streptococcus pyogenes and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally

found within the intestines of normally healthy individuals; and

WHEREAS: Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are

precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy, and

hypertension; and

WHEREAS: While progress has been made in understanding the symptoms and better diagnosing the

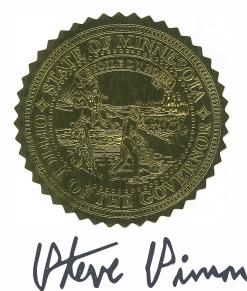
disease, there is still much to learn about necrotizing fasciitis, but with increased research, the goal of discovering the cause, improving treatment, and finding a cure are

attainable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 31, 2018, as:

## NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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day of May.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 18<sup>th</sup>

SECRETARY OF STATE